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1. [REDACTED] PRESIDENT AUGUSTO P I N O C H E T
TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD DECIDED THAT, PRIOR
TO THE JUNE CONFERENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
(OAS) IN SANTIAGO, HE WOULD RELEASE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
WHO ARE BEING HELD UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE STATE OF SEIGE BUT
WHO HAVE NOT HAD SPECIFIC CHARGES LEVIED AGAINST THEM. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EXPRESSED SKEPTISM THAT AT THIS POINT IN TIME,
EVEN DRAMATIC MOVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD MAKE LITTLE IMMEDIATE
DIFFERENCE IN CHILE'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. PINOCHET

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INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT IN THE JUNTA TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA.

2. IN THIS REGARD, PINOCHET SAID THAT SOME CHANGES WOULD BE MADE WITH THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA), ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON THEM. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT PLAN TO REMOVE COLONEL MANUEL CONTRERAS AS DIRECTOR OF DINA, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED THAT THE LATTER HAD MADE MISTAKES. PINOCHET IDENTIFIED ONE OF DINA'S ERRORS AS ITS INABILITY TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS WITH THE VARIOUS MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, ESPECIALLY THE AIR FORCE. HE ALSO STATED THAT DINA HAD TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS (NOT CLARIFIED) TO DRASTICALLY LOWER ITS PROFILE.

3. [REDACTED] FRICTION
[REDACTED]
BETWEEN THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HAD BEEN MAINLY DUE TO PERSONALITY CONFLICTS, WHICH HAD BEEN LARGELY OVERCOME AS A RESULT OF RECENT REASSIGNMENTS. [REDACTED]
INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS WERE NOW BEING MORE CLOSELY COORDINATED.
([REDACTED] COMMENT: THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF THE MISTREATMENT OF DETAINEES.) [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TO DATE, THERE HAS BEEN NO INFORMATION [REDACTED] THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN DINE AND AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE, ANOTHER SORE SPOT, HAVE IMPROVED.)

4. PINOCHET TOLD [REDACTED] DECIDED TO GRANT SAFE CONDUCTS TO TOP EXTREMIST LEADERS ANDRES P A S C A L ALLENDE AND NELSON G U T I E R R E Z DESPITE STRONG OPPOSITION FROM THE SECURITY FORCES. PINOCHET SAID THAT GIVEN THE LACK OF SUBSTANTIVE CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST PASCAL, WHO IS IN THE COSTA RICAN EMBASSY, HE WAS SWAYED BY CHILE'S NEED TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH COSTA RICA.

5. PINOCHET SAID THAT AFTER LONG DEBATE, HE WAS ALSO DECIDED TO MAKE LARGE-SCALE EXPENDITURES TO IMPROVE CHILE'S IMAGE BY MEANS OF AN INTERNATIONAL PROPAGANDA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN. HE SAID THAT THE CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SHORT-WAVE RADIO NETWORK, WORTH AT LEAST U.S. SIX MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH WILL ENABLE CHILE TO REBUT RADIO MOSCOW AND RADIO HAVANA. IN ADDITION, PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGNS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE UNITED STATES

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TO IMPROVE CHILE'S IMAGE WITH THE U.S. CONGRESS, AND A PUBLIC
RELATIONS HEADQUARTERS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN PARIS TO IMPROVE
PRESS PLAY ON CHILE IN EUROPE.

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6. [REDACTED]
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